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KC WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to her role in a methamphetamine conspiracy.

Janet D. Sando, 38, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to her role in a methamphetamine conspiracy.

By pleading guilty, **Sando** admitted that she conspired with others to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between March 2 and May 29, 2002.

A second co-defendant also has pleaded guilty in this case.

On June 7, 2005, **Larry Herring**, 30, of Kansas City, also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between March 2 and May 29, 2002.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Sando** and **Herring** may be subject to mandatory minimum sentences of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million.

The co-defendants in this case were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 29, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Kansas City Metro Methamphetamine Task Force.

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